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Agenda

The situation in Libya

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The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Libya

The President (*spoke in Russian*): In accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I invite the representative of Libya to participate in this meeting.

The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

After consultations among Council members, I have been authorized to make the following statement on their behalf:

"The Security Council reaffirms its endorsement of and full support for the United Nations action plan for Libya, reiterates its call on all Libyans to work together in a spirit of compromise in the inclusive political process under the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Ghassan Salamé, and underscores the importance of the role of the United Nations in facilitating a Libyan-led political solution to the challenges facing Libya.

"The Security Council welcomes all efforts to strengthen an inclusive political dialogue among all Libyans, including important efforts by Libya's neighbours, international partners and regional organizations within the framework of the Libyan Political Agreement, endorsed by resolution 2259 (2015), and supports the Secretary-General's call to consolidate the various initiatives under the leadership of the United Nations. The Libyan Political Agreement remains the only viable framework to end the Libyan political crisis, and its implementation remains key to holding elections and finalizing the political transition.

"The Security Council expresses its concern at the humanitarian situation in Libya, especially in Derna, calls on all parties to exercise restraint, reiterates that all parties must comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law regarding respecting and protecting civilians, and underlines the importance of safe and unimpeded access of humanitarian personnel to civilians.

"The Security Council bears in mind that the current political and security situation in Libya is not sustainable and recalls the resounding call of all Libyans for credible, inclusive and peaceful elections in order to achieve a united and stable Libya.

"The Security Council takes note of the call by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on 21 May for elections to be held in Libya as soon as possible, provided the proper conditions are in place. In this spirit, the Security Council welcomes the ongoing technical preparations by the Government of National Accord and Libyan institutions, including the High National Elections Commission, for national elections, including the successful first round of voter registration. The Security Council calls upon all Member States to urge all Libyans to work constructively to ensure that the required technical, legislative, political and security conditions are in place for national elections, including a new round of voter registration, appropriate funding and security arrangements and required electoral legislation, as well as to promote the meaningful and equal participation and representation of women in the political process, including in the election process.

"The Security Council calls on all Libyans to improve the atmosphere for national elections by all means possible, including by working constructively towards the unification of Libya's military and economic institutions; unified and strengthened national security forces, under civilian Government authority; and the unification of the Libyan Central Bank. The Security Council recalls the need for Member States to cease support to and official contact with parallel institutions that claim to be the legitimate authority but are outside of the Libyan Political Agreement, as stipulated by it.

"The Security Council welcomes the success of the first phase of the national conference process launched by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General with the organization of 42 meetings in 27 cities and towns in Libya.

"The Security Council welcomes the organization in a peaceful and organized process of the first municipal council elections since 2015 in the city of Zawiya, on 12 May 2018, which mark

the first of a series of municipal polls that will take place across the entire country.

"The Security Council welcomes the momentum generated by the international conference on Libya hosted on 29 May in Paris by President Emmanuel Macron under the auspices of the United Nations, in the presence of Faiez Serraj, President of the Presidency Council of Libya; Aguila Saleh, President of the House of Representatives; Khaled Al-Meshri, President of the High State Council; General Khalifa Haftar, Commander of the Libyan National Army; and representatives of the international community.

"The Security Council welcomes the commitment of these parties, as set out in the Paris declaration, to work constructively with the United Nations to organize credible and peaceful parliamentary and Presidential elections, and to respect the results of these elections.

"The Security Council recognizes the key role of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in consulting with Libyan parties to set the constitutional basis for elections and to adopt the necessary electoral laws.

"The Security Council takes note of Libyan leaders' commitments to advancing these important steps within the timeframe set out in the Paris declaration and encourages all Libyans to work with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to implement them.

"The Security Council also welcomes the recognition of these parties of the importance of developing a constitutional basis for elections and reaffirms its support for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General as he consults with the Libyan authorities on a proposal and timeline for adopting the constitution.

"The Security Council encourages all Member States to fully support the efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and calls on Member States, in particular those in the region, to continue to urge all parties in Libya to engage constructively with the United Nations.

"The Security Council notes the commitment of the participants in the Paris conference to organizing an inclusive political conference to follow up on the implementation of the Paris declaration, under the auspices of the United Nations, and with respect for the timeframe and modalities determined by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General.

"The Security Council requests that the Secretary-General report as necessary, following consultations with the Libyan authorities, on support by the United Nations Support Mission in Libya for the next phases leading to national elections."

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The meeting rose at 10.15 a.m.